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There's nothing on the wire from Phoumi

Copies of these memos were sent over to the Secretary of State at 7:15 p.m. -- Monday, May 1st.

Mr. President:

On Saturday the Joint Chiefs of Staffs (NAVY-AIR vs. ARMY-MARINE) divided 2 - 2½ on going with Laos; it is not at all clear why they now are unanimous. I myself think the Panhandle operation may have promise, but the case has not been made today. Mac